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SUBJ: R/V MELVILLE CLEARANCE - PARTICIPATION OF EGYPTIAN

- SCIENTISTS

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1. CHIEF MFA ADMIN DIVISION AMB DAOUD TODAY INFORMED SCIATT THAT GOE MIN WAR WISHES TO KNOW SPECIFIC DATE AND, IF POSSIBLE, TIME THAT R/V MELVILLE WILL ENTER "EGYPTIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS" SO THAT EGYPTIAN NAVY CAN BE NOTIFIED. MFA HAD EARLIER BEEN ADVISED OF MELVILLE INTENTION TO TAKE PISTON CORE ON CONTINENTAL SHELF AT 23 DEGREES 30' N, 36 DEGREES 10' E. NEAR JAZIRAT ZABARJAD. PLEASE SUPPLY INFO ON TIMING OF CORING AND WHETHER OR NOT GOE TERRITORIAL WATERS ARE TO BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME OR IF ACTIVITY PROXIMATE EGYPTIAN COAST IS OVER SHELF BUT OUTSIDE TERRITORIAL WATERS. IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE COULD GIVE MIN WAR DATES OF ALL "OVER SHELF" AS WELL AS ANY "TERRITORIAL WATERS" ACTIVITY.

2. OUR NOTE TO MFA REQUESTED PERMISSION TO "WORK IN UNCLASSIFIED

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WATERS OF THE RED SEA ADJACENT TO THE EGYPTIAN COAST" AS WE DID NOT HAVE PRECISE ENOUGH INTENDED DAY-TO-DAY SHIP TRACK WITH SPECIFIC POSITIONS FOR ENTIRE PERIOD. IT WAS NOT CLEAR FROM AMB DAOUD WHETHER OR NOT MIN WAR FEELS THAT ITS FINAL CLEARANCE IS NECESSARY ONLY FOR TERRITORIAL WATERS ENTRY OR WOULD INCLUDE SHELF ACTIVITY ALSO. HOWEVER, SINCE REF D REQUESTED "CONTINENTAL SHELF

CLEARANCE," WE THINK FULL INFO REQUESTED SHOULD BE SUPPLIED, NOT JUST THAT PERTAINING TO ANY "TERRITORIAL WATER ENTRY."

3. DR. MUSSA OF INST. OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND FISHERIES INFORMED TODAY THAT NEITHER HE NOR DR. NOWAR COULD PARTICIPATE IN SHIP'S RESEARCH SINCE THEY HAD OTHER COMMITMENTS DURING PERIOD. APPARENTLY THEY COULD NOT REMAIN ON BOARD UNTIL JULY 5 ARRIVAL PORT SAID. HENCE, THERE WILL BE NO GOE RESEARCHER ON BOARD. EILTS

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